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A CONDUCTOR RAIL FOR SUPPLYING POWER TO DRIVE THE VEHICLES

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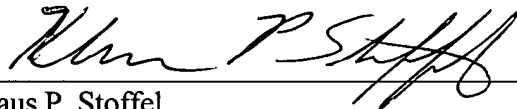
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